

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
2011 BUDGET WORKSHOP
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010
At 5:00 PM At Town Hall**

I. Called to order at 5:00 PM

Present: Ham Ross, Jim Patterson, Beth Fischlowitz, Greg Nelson

Absent: Larry Whalen

Dept. Heads present: Ted Pallas, Michael Dalzell, Barb Nelson, Jen Croonborg-Murphy

II. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct workshops in preparation for the 2011 budget.

A. Materials Recovery Facility: presented by Ted Pallas. MRF Supervisor reported that all electronics must now be shipped off the Island. That, as well as an increase in fuel, ferry line charges and the cost of taking the containers off the Island, have increased. That increase is reflected in his budget request. He presented an increase in some items on the MRF fee schedule. The budget includes a raise for the MRF assistant following a 90-day review in December.

The MRF budget for capital projects includes a 26 x 40 storage bin for glass. With the demand for recycled glass down, the Island can either pay to have it hauled off or store it for use in roads projects.

B. Town Plan Commission: presented by Jen Croonborg Murphy & Ted Pallas. Budgeted hours for the TPC clerical assistant remain the same; however, a cost of living increase as well as a merit increase have been requested for the zoning employees. Brief discussion regarding the purchase of a GPS unit for wetland delineation followed. The Board discussed all the options for having wetland delineations done on the Island.

The Zoning Dept. requested a designated fund for the purpose of purchasing a Town vehicle in 2012.

C. General government: presented by Barb Nelson. The general government budget request includes a cost of living increase for the Town Hall staff and an increase in pay for the Town Clerk, which was approved at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting. Brief discussion regarding the purchase of new accounting software for the Town followed. Near the end of the 2011 budget process, the Town will determine how much extra to pay Northern State Bank in debt service. Barb Nelson also reported that state-shared revenue is dropping.

D. Airport: presented by Michael Dalzell. M. Dalzell expects to receive reimbursement for the aggregate purchase that will go into the general coffers. Work on the Airport Pilots' Lounge is underway. The airport budget request includes \$5000 for capital projects [pilots' lounge].

Adjourned at 6:55 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted on 11/9/10

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